

## **2014 SAPA May Meeting Minutes**

Meeting held at Alpharetta High School on May 4, 2014

Meeting start time: 1:13pm

Review and approval of 2013 Fall Membership Meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Jessica Smith, seconded by Ira Jenkins

Minutes approved unanimously

Review of reports:

- Financial Report presented by Drew Solomonson
  - Discussion of where funds went and were applied
  - Discussion of proposed initiatives for additional payment options for merchandising and other marketing opportunities (see Financial Report for details)
- Championships Report presented by Ahmed Al-Shabibi
  - Discussion of how championships proceeded, including issues with back door security problems and issues presented to percussion groups.
    - It was agreed in the future there will be additional pre-show meetings with building security to further discuss potential issues before the arise
  - Brian Giddens provided additional input with information regarding Championships in Chattanooga
  - Announcement of 2015 SAPA Championships occurring in Chattanooga
- Contest Director Report presented by Nora Lowery
  - Discussion regarding the positive increase in membership, most notably in percussion units

Proposals were discussed next. Please see the list below for the number of proposal and the outcome. For additional details regarding each proposal, please refer to the 2014-2015 SAPA Proposals & Results document.

- Registration
  - Proposal #1: Passed
  - Proposal #2: Passed
  - Proposal #3: Passed as read
    - Non-membership cannot register for events until January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Classification – Colorguard
  - Proposal #4: Failed
  - Proposal #5: Passed
  - Proposal #6: Failed
- Contests
  - Proposal #7: Failed
  - Proposal #8: Failed
  - Proposal #9: Passed as read
    - If a unit owes a fee, that unit will have 5 business days to pay the fee prior to being placed on a waiting list for all remaining registered events.
  - Proposal #10: Passed

- Proposal #11: Withdrawn
- Proposal #12: Withdrawn
- Code of Ethics
  - Proposal #13: Passed
- General
  - Proposal #14: Passed

Elections were held next. Due to the resignation of Lauren Harper as Vice President of Colorguard, the offices to be voted on were: President, Vice President of Percussion, Vice President of Colorguard (1 year term), Colorguard Member-At-Large. These were the results:

President – Brian Giddens by acclamation

Vice President of Percussion – Mark Hunter by acclamation

Vice President of Colorguard (1 year term) – Andria Foerch by acclamation

Colorguard Member-At-Large – Adam Heindenrich by majority vote

Due to the vacating of Percussion Member-At-Large by Mark Hunter, the Percussion Member-At-Large was also up for a 1 year term. Matt Howell was voted in as the Percussion Member-At-Large by acclamation.

New business was discussed next:

- Website improvements for next year
  - Multiple e-mails to be associated with groups so that when group directors are sent e-mails, it is sent to everyone in the staff list vs just the one contact e-mail
- Sunday Shows in March
  - It was agreed upon by the membership that there needs to be additional performance opportunities, especially in the March timeframe. There was a discussion on the addition of Sunday shows in March, with a general consensus that it would be a positive move for the circuit
  - A discussion on housing for units during the performance weekends in March was held. No final consensus was reached at the meeting. Further discussion will occur at the Fall Meeting
- Championships ticket price increase for \$20 for the two days
  - There were discussions regarding parking and additional Championship fees. The rationale behind the increased cost would be to allow for parking to be pre-purchased so that on show day drivers could enter and exit the nearby parking lots without having to pay. This is an option in discussion for next year.
- Increase in the number of percussion shows
  - Will be discussed in further detail in the Fall Membership Meeting, but the general consensus was that this was an absolute. With the unexpected and very positive increase in the number of percussion units, the number of shows and the unfortunate cancelling of a show due to weather greatly affected the performance opportunities for percussion units. Additional discussions and initiatives will be held by the SAPA Executive Board to further develop performance and educational opportunities for percussion units in future seasons. More to come!

- Mobile purchasing equipment for merchandising and local contests
  - The membership agreed this was a step in a positive direction for the circuit. Since more and more families are relying on their credit/debit cards for payment options, SAPA is moving in the direction to allow for this to be a viable payment option.
- Discussion on WGI Winds and how that will affect SAPA
  - The SAPA Executive Board will be discussing the ramifications of this new performance classification once we receive more in-depth information from WGI. When we do hold discussion regarding WGI Winds, the membership will be notified of new information.
  - More to come at the Fall Meeting regarding this topic

Meeting adjournment at 3:39pm

The meeting minutes were prepared by Tita Anderson Lovell.